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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Oscar L. AVANT et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2876
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Application No.: 09/651,323	)	Examiner: Ahshik KIM
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Filed: August 31, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 3894
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR	)	
IDENTIFYING A MAILPIECE USING AN	)	
IDENTIFICATION CODE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 21, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 18, 2004

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